AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5, cancel the paragraph at lines 3-13, and replace with the following:

--A suitable thermoplastic material, for example, a material comprised mainly of polypropylene or low or high density polyethylene, is injected into the cavity 12 through an annular injection nozzle 20 at a suitable pressure and temperature. Specifically, FIG. 2 shows a condition after the material M has been injected into the cavity 12 through an annulus 18 that is defined by a non-reciprocating annular member 22 and a reciprocating sleeve 24 that surrounds and reciprocates with respect to a fixed pin 26 - i.e., fixed with respect to nozzle 20. The fixed pin 26 is coaxially aligned with the core pin assembly 14, and a free end 26a of the fixed pin 26 abuts against a free end of the core pin assembly 14 to define an opening in the article being molded in the cavity 12, for example, the opening O in the closure element E.--

Cancel the paragraph from page 7, line 28 to page 8, line 7, and replace with the following:

--FIG. 4 illustrates the opposed end of the injection molding apparatus shown in FIG. 3, it being understood that the opposed end of the apparatus shown in FIG. 2 is of a similar construction, but for the omission of a bore that corresponds to the bore 126b that extends through the fixed pin 126. The fixed pin 126 has an enlarged free end 126c, and the free end 126c is surrounded by an enlarged free end 124c of the sliding sleeve 124. The free end 124c of the sliding sleeve 124 is slidably positioned in a recess 130 of a fixed

machine frame 132, and the sliding sleeve 124 is caused to move rectilinearly in opposed directions by a force applied against an end surface 124b of the free end ~~128c~~ 124c of the sleeve 124 by means, not shown, such as a fluid cylinder.--